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7. [ ] Met with Representative Paul N.

McCloskey, Jr. (R., Calif.) and in connection with his earlier interest in the Soviet merchant marine, left with him a copy of the USSR Law of the Sea Study, for which he was truly appreciative. Because of a statement he had made the other day when I had a chance encounter with him off the House floor, I asked him if he was interested in reviewing his Agency file since as a result of earlier conversations with him he had told me that he wasn't interested in seeing any of the information, and that my conversations with him on this subject satisfied his interests. He assured me once again that he did not want to see his file, and that he was not going to pass on any information concerning it to Mr. Hersh.

I reminded him about his written request to the Agency on developments during the last stages of the fall of South Vietnam and said we would like to try to satisfy his interests by arranging a briefing with Messrs.

[ ] He encouraged this development and I said I would check with Julie Pineau, of his staff, to find a free time on his schedule.

8. [ ] Met with Mark Kleiman, in the office of Representative Les Aspin (D., Wis.), and provided him with an unclassified paper on trends in Soviet defense spending in response to his earlier request. He was truly appreciative.

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16. [REDACTED] Called Sally Shelton, on the staff of Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D., Tex.), who asked about a wire service item which indicated that the Senator had stated that the Agency provided him with information concerning ~~Soviet financial assistance to the Communist Party of Portugal~~. I told her that it had been clear from our earlier conversation that the Agency had only press reports relating to this information. She acknowledged that this was our understanding and said that State had told her the same thing. Senator Bentsen, in his statement, had apparently referred to press reports and allegations but the news reports did not report his statements accurately. In conclusion, I pointed out to her the difficulty that these kinds of inaccuracies impose upon the Agency.

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4. [REDACTED] Called Richard Kaufman, General Counsel, Joint Economic Committee, and told him that the transcript of the Director's 18 June 1975 testimony before the Subcommittee on Priorities and Economy in Government had been sanitized and approved and would be delivered by courier to his office this afternoon. In addition, the courier would give him for his review, and later pick up a copy of the paper on Soviet military expenditures that he had requested.

5. [REDACTED] Spoke with Joanne O'Neal, on the staff of Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr. (I., Va.), and gave her an explanation for the turn-down of the application of [REDACTED] whose father had written to the Director and had provided a copy of his letter to Senator Byrd. Ms. O'Neal appreciated our letter to the Senator and this follow-up.

6. [REDACTED] William Wilson, on the staff of Representative Frederick W. Richmond (D., N.Y.), called to ask some questions about the Agency method of responding to constituent requests under the FOIA. I was happy to answer his questions to his complete satisfaction.

7. [REDACTED] Spoke with Charles Gladson, General Counsel, AID, in response to his request of yesterday afternoon for clearance on two questions Representative Otto E. Passman (D., La.) had submitted for the record following AID's recent appropriations hearings. Passman is Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations. The first question was: Did AID get involved with CIA activities in Southeast Asia or in any other area? The second question was: Is it safe to say then, at this point, that AID has no involvement with CIA?

I checked with [REDACTED] C/CCS, who had answered a question similar to the first one for Gladson, as a response to Representative Bella S. Abzug (D., N.Y.), and he agreed that the same response would be appropriate for Representative Passman's inquiry. Gladson had originally proposed using the Agency response. On the second question Gladson proposed a simple "yes" answer. [REDACTED] agreed that this would be a good answer. After securing these responses from [REDACTED] and checking them with Mr. Cary, I called Gladson to indicate that both answers which he proposed were acceptable to the Agency with a minor qualification on each which I explained to him and suggested that he run them down through his own staff, which he said he would do.

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9. [REDACTED] Mark Kleinman, on the staff of Representative Les Aspin (D., Wis.) called to ask if we could provide him with any information on possible Russian violations of the SALT I Agreement. I told Kleinman that this was an especially sensitive area but I would check and see what, if anything, could be done.

10. [REDACTED] I gave approximately 200 members of the Congressional Interns Group a briefing on the Agency on Capitol Hill this afternoon. There were a number of hostile questions from the group, but the session lasted for over an hour and a half and hopefully did some good in educating this group on what CIA is all about.

11. [REDACTED] Picked up two letters from Jim Kronfeld, on the House Government Operations, Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights staff.

12. [REDACTED] Frank Sullivan, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called about the possibility of briefing Senator Sam Nunn (D., Ga.) on the military/economic situation in mainland China sometime during the week of 28 July. [REDACTED] has been advised.

13. [REDACTED] Jim Smith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called on behalf of Chairman John C. Stennis (D., Miss.) about the possibility of declassifying Mr. Colby's 13 June letter to the Senator on Diego Garcia.

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